

REMARKS

Claims 15-28 are pending in the present application. Claim 19 was amended in this response. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-21 and 23-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(e) as being anticipated by *Van Court* (US Patent 5,917,552). Claims 15-18 are allowed. Claim 22 was indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicant has amended claim 19 to incorporate the allowed matter identified in claim 15. In light of the amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 is improper and should be withdrawn. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket no. (0112740-321) on the account statement.

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